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Response to "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice)"

I, Glenn Martyn, here by respond to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice)" pertaining to my Pending US Patent # 09/945,501.

Claim 1. (Previously amended) "CAT/FELINE TREE AND SCRATCHING POST" product of which can be used by cats and other animals and comprised of:

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a tree;
used as a resting area and scratching post;
having leaves, which cats love to rub their whiskers against;
having one or more platforms which are flat, horizontal and elevated above the ground in said tree and said platforms being of a size large enough for full grown domestic cats to use for perching or laying down upon;
having a rough and hard texture covering the surface of one or more portions of said tree for cats to scratch their claws on.

Claim 2. (Cancel) "LITTER BOX OR BED/RESTING AREA" product of which can be used by cats and other animals and comprised of:

a one (1), two (2), or three (3) piece litter box or a bed/rest area;
having stairs 7.5cm (3 inches) to 25cm (10 inches) in height which enables animal to step up the stairs and get a look at where they want to go before stepping into box;
stairs and box portion that could be as one (1) piece;
stairs and box portion that could be a separate pieces from one another.

Claim 3. (Cancel) "WATERFALL WITH BOWLS USED FOR PET FOOD OR DECORATIONS" product of which cats and other animals can use and is comprised of:

a water basin for animals to drink from;
having one (1) or more bowls which could be used for pet food for animals to eat;
having one (1) or more bowls which could be used for decorative plants or trees, or any other type decoration into when there is not any animals to use it;
being made from real rocks or stones or simulated rocks or stones;
requiring a water pump or other device for circulating water.

Claim 4. (Previously amended) "CAT/FELINE TREE AND SCRATCHING POST" product of which can be used by cats and other animals as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said tree is a real: used as a resting area and scratching post; having real leaves which are apart of said real tree trunk and/or branches, which cats love to rub their whiskers against; having one or more padded platforms which are flat, horizontal and elevated above the ground in said tree and said padded platforms being of a size large enough for full grown domestic cats to use for perching or laying down upon; having tree bark which has a rough and hard texture and covers the surface of one or more portions of said tree for cats to scratch their claws on.

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Claim 5. (Previously amended) "CAT/FELINE TREE AND SCRATCHING POST" product of which can be used by cats and other animals as claimed in Claim 1 or 4 wherein said tree is a real tree with simulated leaves: used as a resting area and scratching post; having simulated leaves that are attached to said real tree trunk and/or branches, which cats love to rub their whiskers against; having rope which has a rough texture and covers the surface of one or more portions of said tree for cats to scratch their claws on.

Claim 6. (Previously New) "CAT/FELINE TREE AND SCRATCHING POST" product of which can be used by cats and other animals as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 4, wherein said tree is a simulated tree: used as a resting area and scratching post; having simulated leaves attached to said simulated tree trunk and/or branches, which cats love to rub their whiskers against; having simulated tree bark which has a rough and hard texture and covers the surface of one or more portions of said tree for cats to scratch their claws on.

Claim 7. (Previously New) "CAT/FELINE TREE AND SCRATCHING POST" product of which can be used by cats and other animals as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 4 or Claim 6, wherein said tree has rope which has a rough texture and covers the surface of one or more portions of said tree for cats to scratch their claws on.

Respectfully Submitted,



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